

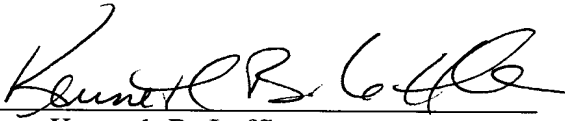
**REMARKS**

Claims 1-28 remain pending in the application. The specification has been amended to make reference to a related foreign application. The Abstract and claims have also been amended to delete multiple dependencies and to better conform the application to U.S. patent practice. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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